

Midland Gliding Club

Strong Wind Day Briefing



We often fly gliders in windspeeds exceeding our gliders' unladen stall speeds. This means that if they aren't operated with due care in such conditions, they will fly without you! Please obey the following guidance for safe and enjoyable flying in strong wind conditions.

- Don't fly in strong winds without an adequate and properly briefed ground team.
- If in any doubt, ensure a pilot is strapped in the front seat bracing the controls whilst moving gliders.
- Remind pilots about care of canopies in strong winds.
- Parked gliders should be properly picketed crosswind and preferably in the lee of the hangar when not being flown
- As always, pilots should have their hand on the release at the beginning of the launch.
- All solo pilots must have a strong wind endorsement signed off.
- The motorglider must be parked off the tail dolly
- Gliders should be turned across the wind to get in and out.
- On landing the pilot must stay in the glider until it has been retrieved and either picketed or there is a changeover of pilots
- Never leave a glider pointing into wind unless there is at least one pilot in it
- Gliders should be properly picketed when not attended
- Pilots must not ridge run North of the club house if there are para/hang gliders on their field, even if they are not flying.
- The field must be kept free of sheep while there are gliders in the air.
- Wave flying above cloud can only be undertaken with a working cloud flying instrument, a GPS, a working radio and a current aeronautical chart.